

**Amendments to the CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims, as noted below.

1. – 230. (Canceled)

231. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical preparation comprising a solution of methylnaltrexone or salt thereof and a chelating agent, wherein the solution has a pH from 2 to 6.

232. – 315. (Canceled)

316. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical preparation of claim 231, wherein the chelating agent is ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) or a derivative thereof.

317. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical preparation of claim 316, wherein the derivative is dipotassium edetate, disodium edetate, edetate calcium disodium, sodium edetate, trisodium edetate, and potassium edetate.

318. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical preparation of claim 317, wherein the EDTA or derivative thereof is present in a concentration from 0.001 to 100.0 mg/ml.

319. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical preparation of claim 318, wherein the EDTA or derivative thereof is present in a concentration from 0.05 to 25.0 mg/ml.

320. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical preparation of claim 319, wherein the EDTA or derivative thereof is present in a concentration from 0.1 to 2.5 mg/ml.

321. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical preparation of any of claims 231, 316, 317, 318, 319 and 320, wherein the pH does not exceed 4.25.

322. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical preparation of claim 321, wherein the pH is from 2.0 to 4.0.

323. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical preparation of claim 322, wherein the pH is from 3.0 to 4.0.

324. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical preparation of claim 323, wherein the pH is from 3.0 to 3.5.